

**A24B****MANUFACTURE OR PREPARATION OF TOBACCO FOR SMOKING OR CHEWING; TOBACCO; SNUFF****Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

- Manufacture or preparation of tobacco for smoking or chewing
- Tobacco
- Snuff

**A24B 1/00**

**Preparation of tobacco on the plantation (harvesters for tobacco [A01D 45/16](#))**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Preparation of harvested tobacco on the plantation.

**References****Informative references**

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Harvesters for tobacco	<a href="#">A01D 45/16</a>
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**A24B 3/00**

**Preparing tobacco in the factory**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Primary treatment and preparation of the tobacco in the factory.

**A24B 3/182**

**{Puffing}**

**Glossary of terms**

*In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:*

Puffing	expanding tobacco
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**A24B 5/00**

**Stripping tobacco; Treatment of stems or ribs**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Separation of the tobacco lamina from the stem or rib.

## Glossary of terms

*In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:*

Stem	the main vein of the tobacco leaf
Leaf part or lamina	the leaf blade, leaf tissue that has been separated from the midrib or stem

## A24B 7/00

**Cutting tobacco (hand cutting tools [B26B](#); slicing in general [B26D 1/00](#), [B26D 3/00](#))**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Cutting tobacco material, e.g. for forming the filler of a cigarette rod.

### References

#### Informative references

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Hand cutting tools	<a href="#">B26B</a>
Slicing in general	<a href="#">B26D 1/00</a> , <a href="#">B26D 3/00</a>

## A24B 9/00

**Control of the moisture content of tobacco products, e.g. cigars, cigarettes, pipe tobacco ({final drying of cigars [A24C 1/383](#), of cigarettes [A24C 5/603](#)}; devices for use by the smoker for controlling the moisture content of tobacco products [A24F 25/00](#))**

### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Control of the moisture content of the tobacco products (in the factory).

### References

#### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Devices for use by the smokers for controlling the moisture content of tobacco products	<a href="#">A24F 25/00</a>
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#### Informative references

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Final drying of cigars	<a href="#">A24C 1/383</a>
Final drying of cigarettes	<a href="#">A24C 5/603</a>

**A24B 11/00****Tobacco-twisting machines****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Machines for making twist or spun tobacco.

**A24B 13/00**

**Tobacco for pipes, for cigars, e.g. cigar inserts, or for cigarettes; Chewing tobacco; Snuff (mechanical treatment [A24B 3/00](#) - [A24B 11/00](#); reconstituted tobacco products [A24B 3/14](#); chemical features or treatment of tobacco [A24B 15/00](#))**

**Definition statement***This place covers:*

Tobacco per se, for pipes, cigars or cigarettes.

Chewing tobacco

Snuff

**References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Reconstituted tobacco products	<a href="#">A24B 3/14</a>
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**Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Mechanical treatment of tobacco	<a href="#">A24B 3/00</a> - <a href="#">A24B 11/00</a>
Chemical treatment of tobacco	<a href="#">A24B 15/00</a>

**A24B 15/00**

**Chemical features or treatment of tobacco; Tobacco substitutes ([A24B 3/00](#) takes precedence)**

**Definition statement***This place covers:*

Chemical features of tobacco, smoking or smokeless tobacco as well as reconstituted tobacco, including chemical treatments, modifying tobacco by chemical agents, e.g. flavourants. This main group also includes biochemical treatments of tobacco and physical treatments such as wave energy, irradiation and electrical treatments.

## References

### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Preparing tobacco in the factory, e.g. steaming, drying, curing, puffing, thermal treatments	<a href="#">A24B 3/00</a>
Chemical features of cigarette wrappers, including indirect addition of an additive in the wrapper or tipping paper.	<a href="#">A24D 1/02</a>

### Informative references

*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Selection of materials, other than tobacco, suitable for smoking	<a href="#">A24D 1/18</a>
Simulated smoking devices, e.g. imitation cigarettes with chemical heating means	<a href="#">A24F 47/006</a>
Medicinal preparations containing nicotine	<a href="#">A61K 31/465</a>
Essential oils per se	<a href="#">C11B 9/00</a>

## Special rules of classification

Chemical features of cigarette wrappers, e.g. papers are classified in [A24D 1/02](#).

## Glossary of terms

*In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:*

Organic solvent	Carbon containing solvent except carbon dioxide.
Tobacco substitute	This definition encompasses both non-tobacco plants suitable for smoking or as replacer for cigarette and substitute of cigarettes comprising tobacco extracts, e.g. flavours and possibly nicotine

## A24B 15/16

### of tobacco substitutes

#### Definition statement

*This place covers:*

Tobacco substitutes, this group contains both non-tobacco plants suitable for smoking or as replacer for cigarette and substitute of cigarettes comprising tobacco extracts, e.g. flavours and possibly nicotine.

## A24B 15/165

**{comprising as heat source a carbon fuel or an oxydized or thermally degraded carbonaceous fuel, e.g. carbohydrates, cellulosic material}**

#### Special rules of classification

Tobacco substitutes comprising as heat source a carbon fuel or an oxydized or thermally degraded carbonaceous fuel, e.g. carbohydrates, cellulosic material. Documents are classified here when the invention concerns chemical aspect of the carbonaceous fuel element, the aerosol generating element or the envelope (special wrappers).

## **A24B 15/183**

**{sterilization, preservation or biological decontamination}**

### **Special rules of classification**

Sterilization, preservation or biological decontamination by any means, e.g. by heating, by chemical, physical, or biological treatment.

## **A24B 15/287**

**{by inorganic substances only}**

### **Special rules of classification**

Treatment of tobacco by inorganic chemical substances only.